

**Teaching Plan** - Learning more about Jesus in everyday things.  
(Pictures)

**Aim** - To show that we are God's best workmanship - His masterpiece.



### Welcome

**What's in the bag?** Pass it round and give people the opportunity to feel it and guess what is in it.

**Item:** A picture in a frame



### Game

Give everyone a piece of card with part of the picture on it - everyone needed to make up the whole. You could do this by cutting up a picture or by using a jigsaw.

**Question:** What do you think of when I say the word masterpiece? A masterpiece is something that is the very best that it can be - can't be bettered. A painting, a song/piece of music, a film, a culinary creation???? A top piece of work that someone has made - can't be bettered.

Show picture of or talk about some of your favourite masterpieces - remember something made by your children/grandchildren will be a masterpiece in your eyes so include something personal.

What about God's masterpieces - there are the stars, the hills, the trees, birds, animals, fish - but listen to what the Bible says



## Bible reading: Ephesians 2:10

For **we** are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. (NLT)

God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us new people so that we would spend our lives doing the good things he had already planned for us to do. (ETRV)

So, you are God's very best work - he made you just the way you are and he loves what he makes.



### Activity

Pass round a mirror so that everyone has an opportunity to look at God's masterpiece. Take plenty time to do that and at the same time listen to *God loves you just the way you are* (Prospects)



### Talk

The second part of that verse in the bible says God made us just right to do the good things he planned for us to do. Some of us might have a Person-Centred Plans, Life plans, Support plans for our life - all of that is good and needed to make sure we get the right support. Some of us are goal setters - we like to make a plan and get on with doing it. But we must ask God to help us make our plans/set our goals.

**God's plan for us is a good one**

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

**He knows our needs - and will give us what we need**

Philippians 4:19 And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

**He knows our strengths - he made us with our special talents and skills (we call them gifts because they are a present from God)**

1 Peter 4:10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

God has given us things to do. We all have jobs to do for God - the Bible tells us God has things for us to do - we need to do it well because God's our boss and we want him to be pleased with our work.

God will never give us too much work - his plan is for us to spend time with him and only do what he says - and nothing else.



### Drama

People come forward and mime things they do for God. Some examples might be

- Listening to someone when they are sad
- Making a meal for a friend
- Giving someone a big smile
- Reading the Bible in church
- Giving someone a lift to the group
- Praying for other people
- Sing in the choir or group
- Tell people that Jesus loves them.



### Prayer Time

(In a big group or in small groups)

In each group have something that can be passed round. When the person is holding it, everyone says

"Thank you, Jesus for *(person's name)*."

Then look at them as you say,

"*(Person's name)*, God bless you in all you do for Him"



### Possible Craft

Need: card, newspapers/magazines/glue/scissors/coloured pencils/pens

**All about me poster** - using papers and magazines - make up a poster all about you using pictures/words etc from newspapers, magazines and drawings. Should reflect things you are interested in and enjoy doing (This can be a very time-consuming activity)

This shows that not one of God's masterpieces are alike!!

Or

Buy small mirrors and stick on firm card decorate around the mirror (Looking in the mirror you see God's masterpiece.



### Possible Songs

We are here together (Prospects)  
Welcome everybody it's good to see you here  
I'm special because God has loved me  
Your love is a perfect love (Prospects)  
If I were a butterfly  
The father himself loves you (Prospects)